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FOR EUR/EX DIRECTOR CLARK FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC APER

SUBJ: RETURN OF DEPENDENTS

REF: A. STATE 255813; B. NICOSIA 4057

1. PERIOD SINCE MAKARIOS' RETURN TO CYPRUS TEN DAYS AGO HAS BEEN QUIET. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEMONSTRATIONS, NO DISRUPTIONS OF PUBLIC ORDER, NO POLITICAL VIOLENCE. ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN MEDIA, WHILE STILL PRESENT, HAS SLACKENED FROM LEVEL OF ONE OR TWO MONTHS AGO. ALTHOUGH IT IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT FLATLY THAT THIS PRESENTLY CALM SITUATION WILL PREVAIL INDEFINITELY, IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT OUR FAMILIES CAN RESIDE IN NICOSIA WITH REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF SECURITY.

2. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT GRANT DEPENDENTS OF USG PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NICOSIA OPTION OF RETURNING CYPRUS OR REMAINING AT DESIGNATED SAFEHAVENS, PER REF A, EFFECTIVE AT ONCE.

3. IF RECOMMENDATION ACCEPTED, WE EXPECT THREE WIVES WITHOUT CHILDREN TO RETURN IN JANUARY. IN ADDITION, THREE WIVES WITH TOTAL OF FOUR CHILDREN, PLUS TWO CHILDREN OF WORKING COUPLE ASSIGNED TO POST (MICHAEL AND SHEILA AUSTRIAN), WOULD ALSO RETURN THEN. IN APRIL-JUNE PERIOD, WE ANTICIPATE FOUR ADDITIONAL WIVES WITH TOTAL OF SIX CHILDREN WOULD RETURN TO

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4. I HAD HOPED TO TAKE THIS QUESTION UP WITH YOU PERSONALLY
DECEMBER 20 DURING MY CONSULTATION IN DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER,
IN VIEW DELAY DEPARTURE THIS END, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE
UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER CHRISTMAS. THEREFORE, I REQUEST MATTER
BE EXAMINED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT, ASSUMING FAVORABLE
ACTION, RETURN CAN BEGIN IN TIME TO PLACE CHILDREN IN SCHOOLS
COMMENCING FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY.
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